

VERSION OF AMENDMENTS SHOWING MARKINGS

In the Claims

1-17. (Canceled)

18. (Previously presented) A two-stage fishing bobber responsive to different fishing forces comprising:

a bobber main body, said bobber main body providing a buoyant force to normally maintain the bobber main body in a floating condition; and

a spring having a spring constant that is substantially equal to the spring constant of the bobber in water so that the total force required to compress the spring with respect to the bobber main body causes complete submersion of the bobber main body; and

a resiliently displaceable member to allow the simultaneous submersion of the bobber main body and the displacement of the member with respect to the bobber main body so as to provide gradual resistance; wherein a force to bring the resiliently displaceable member to a down position is substantially equal to the buoyant force of the bobber main body so that a complete displacement of the member to the down position in a body of water results in the complete submersion of the bobber main body, the resiliently displaceable member including a hollow center allowing for a fishing line to run therethrough and a fishing line engaging member having an opening which allows an unknotted fishing line to slide through but can be blocked from sliding therethrough by a knot on the fishing line.

19- 21. (canceled)

22. (canceled)

23. (Previously presented) The two-stage fishing bobber responsive to different fishing forces of claim 31 wherein the spring is a compression spring.

24. (Previously presented) The two-stage fishing bobber responsive to different fishing forces of claim 31 wherein said spring is a tension spring.

25. (currently amended) A two stage fishing bobber responsive to different fishing forces comprising:

a bobber main body, said bobber main body providing a buoyant force to normally maintain the bobber main body in a floating condition;

a spring having a spring constant so that a total force required to displace the spring to a down position with respect to the bobber main body causes a complete submersion of the bobber main body;

a resiliently displaceable elongated member extending through said bobber main body, said resiliently displaceable elongated member extending through said bobber main body to allow the simultaneous submersion of the bobber main body and the displacement of the resiliently displaceable elongated member with respect to the bobber main body so as to provide a gradual resistance to a fishing line attached to the resiliently displaceable elongated member, wherein a force to displace the resiliently displaceable elongated member to a down position is substantially equal to the buoyant force of the bobber main body so that a complete displacement of the resiliently displaceable elongated member to the down position in a body of water results in a complete submersion of the bobber main body; and

~~The two stage fishing bobber responsive to different fishing forces of claim 18 31~~
including a stop cap connected to an upper end of the resiliently displaceable member to maintain the spring encircling a portion of the resiliently displaceable member.

26. (Previously presented) The two-stage fishing bobber responsive to different fishing forces of claim 31 including a fixed stop connected to a lower end of the resiliently displaceable member to prevent the resiliently displaceable member from sliding through the bobber main body.

27. (Previously presented) The two-stage fishing bobber responsive to different fishing forces of claim 31 including a resilient chemiluminescence capsule holder supported by said bobber main body to provide for nighttime fishing.

28-29. (Canceled).

30. (Currently amended) ~~The two stage fishing bobber responsive to different fishing forces of claim 29 31~~ A two stage fishing bobber responsive to different fishing forces comprising:

a bobber main body, said bobber main body providing a buoyant force to normally maintain the bobber main body in a floating condition;

a spring having a spring constant so that a total force required to displace the spring to a down position with respect to the bobber main body causes a complete submersion of the bobber main body; and

a resiliently displaceable elongated member extending through said bobber main body wherein the spring is supported on an upper end of the bobber main body by the resiliently displaceable member, said resiliently displaceable elongated member extending through said bobber main body to allow the simultaneous submersion of the bobber main body and the displacement of the resiliently displaceable elongated member with respect to the bobber main body so as to provide a gradual resistance to a fishing line attached to the resiliently displaceable elongated member, wherein a force to displace the resiliently displaceable elongated member to a down position is substantially equal to the buoyant force of the bobber main body so that a complete displacement of the resiliently displaceable elongated member to the down position in a body of water results in a complete submersion of the bobber main body.

31. (currently amended) A two stage fishing bobber responsive to different fishing forces comprising:

a bobber main body, said bobber main body providing a buoyant force to normally maintain the bobber main body in a floating condition;

a spring having a spring constant so that a total force required to displace the spring to a down position with respect to the bobber main body causes a complete submersion of the bobber main body; and

a resiliently displaceable elongated member extending through the bobber main body from a top side of said bobber main body to an opposite side of said bobber main body, said resiliently displaceable elongated member extending through said bobber main body to

allow the simultaneous submersion of the bobber main body and the displacement of the resiliently displaceable elongated member with respect to the bobber main body so as to provide a gradual resistance to a fishing line attached to the resiliently displaceable elongated member, wherein a force to displace the resiliently displaceable elongated member to a down position is substantially equal to the buoyant force of the bobber main body so that a complete displacement of the resiliently displaceable elongated member to the down position in a body of water results in a complete submersion of the bobber main body.

